

SENATE BILL 188

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Sex Offender Registrants – Information on Internet**
3 **Posting**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Public Safety and Correctional
5 Services to post on the Internet, in plain language that can be understood
6 without special knowledge of the criminal laws of the State, a description of the
7 crime of a sex offender registrant, excluding details that would identify the
8 victim; and generally relating to the posting of information about sex offender
9 registrants on the Internet.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Criminal Procedure
12 Section 11–717
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

18 11–717.

19 (a) (1) The Department shall make available to the public registration
20 statements or information about registration statements.

21 (2) Information about registration statements shall include, in plain
22 language that can be understood without special knowledge of the criminal laws of the
23 State, a description of the crime of the offender that is the basis for the registration,
24 excluding details that would identify the victim.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Department may post on the Internet:

2 (1) a current listing of each registrant's name, crime, and other
3 identifying information; AND

4 (2) **IN PLAIN LANGUAGE THAT CAN BE UNDERSTOOD WITHOUT**
5 **SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE, A DESCRIPTION**
6 **OF THE CRIME, EXCLUDING DETAILS THAT WOULD IDENTIFY THE VICTIM.**

7 (c) The Department, through an Internet posting of current registrants,
8 shall allow the public to electronically transmit information the public may have about
9 a registrant to the Department, a parole agent of a registrant, and the local law
10 enforcement unit where a registrant resides or where a registrant who is not a
11 resident of the State will work or attend school.

12 (d) The Department shall allow members of the public who live in the county
13 in which the registrant is to reside or where the registrant, if not a resident of the
14 State, will work or attend school, by request, to receive electronic mail notification of
15 the release from incarceration of a registered offender and the registration information
16 of the offender.

17 (e) The Department shall establish regulations to carry out this section.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2010.